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1. ADDRESSING THE FIRST MEETING OF THE NEWLY CREATED
"FORUM" FOR POLITICAL AND SOCIAL DISCUSSION" FOREIGN
MINISTER MOSHE DAYAN ON SEPTEMBER 10 CALLED FOR THE
ABSORPTION OF THE PALESTINE REFUGEES IN THE COUNTRIES
WHERE THEY NOW RESIDE: JORDAN, SYRIA, LEBANON AND KUWAIT.
HE SAID THAT JORDAN IS READY TO INTEGRATE THE 500,000
REFUGEES IN ITS MIDST AND DECLARED THAT THE REFUGEES IN
THE GAZA STRIP SHOULD BE OFFERED ISRAELI OR JORDANIAN
CITIZENSHIP. ONCE THE REFUGEE PROBLEM IS SOLVED, DAYAN
MAINTAINED, IT
WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR ISRAEL TO DISCUSS
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WITH LOCAL WEST BANK AND GAZA STRIP LEADERS ARRANGEA
MENTS FOR JEWISH-ARAB COEXISTENCE IN THE AREA UNDER
ISRAELI CONTROL.

2. DAYAN CRITICIZED PRESIDENT CARTER FOR RAISING THE
"UNREALISTIC" PROSPECT OF THE CREATION OF A PALESTINE
STATE WHICH WOULD BE LINKED WITH JORDAN. HE SAID THAT

THE U.S. WAS THUS PERPETUATING FALSE HOPES FOR A PALESTINIAN STATE. ACCORDING TO DAYAN THE PLO REPRESENTS REFUGEES IN LEBANON AND SYRIA WHO DO NOT DEMAND A RETURN TO THE WEST BANK BUT RATHER RESETTLEMENT IN ISRAEL PROPER FROM WHICH THEY FLED IN 1948.

3. THIS FIRST MEETING OF THE "FORUM," A GROUP OF PRE-DOMINANTLY EX-RAFI MEMBERS, WAS WELL ATTENDED AND INCLUDED SUCH WELL-KNOWN POLITICIANS AS MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE YIGAL HOROWITZ, MK ZALMON SHUVAL, MORDECHAI ABIR, ISRAEL GRANIT AND MORDECHAI BEN-PORAT. ATTENDANCE WAS ESTIMATE AT 700 TO 1,000. ALTHOUGH INCLUDING ACTIVISTS CURRENTLY IN THE DMC. THE LABOR PARTY AND SEVERAL FACTIONS OF THE LIKUD, THE ONE COMMON DENOMINATOR OF THOSE PRESENT WAS THEIR SUPPORT OF DAYAN AND HIS IDEAS. IN HIS REMARKS, HOWEVER, DAYAN REJECTED CHARACTERIZING THE GROUP AS THE FORERUNNER OF A NEW PARTY. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT FUTURE MEETINGS WOULD BE ATTENDED BY THOSE HOLDING VARIOUS VIEWPOINTS.

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